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## FEA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Six Kentucky high school students have been awarded [Future Educators Association](#) (FEA) Prospective Educator scholarships for the 2010-11 college academic year.

This is the first year the Kentucky has awarded FEA Prospective Educator scholarships, which are available to high school students who intend to major in education and who are members of FEA chapters. Children or grandchildren of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) members who intend to major in education also are eligible, as are students who are recommended by PDK members or chapters.

The six scholarship recipients are:

STUDENT	HIGH SCHOOL	SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Jeremy Bivins	Muhlenberg County High	\$500
Raven Evans	Atherton High (Jefferson Co.)	\$500
Ben Gies	Atherton High (Jefferson Co.)	\$2,500
Cathy Hughes	Crittenden County High	\$500
Channing Lawson	Boyd County High	\$500
Eriauna Stratton	Male High (Jefferson Co.)	\$2,500

Fourteen Kentucky high school seniors applied for the scholarships and provided applications, two letters of recommendation, official transcripts and narratives describing their philosophy of education. Applicants held minimum grade point averages of 2.5 and responded to survey questions related to the education profession.

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An internal committee at the Kentucky Department of Education scored the students' materials and selected the top six applicants, who participated in face-to-face interviews.

"We had a tough time trying to select from the outstanding pool of young men and women," said Jennifer Miller, the state coordinator for FEA in Kentucky. "All have been wonderful role models for the Future Educators Association. We congratulate them and look forward to their bright futures and watching them grow as they teach our children in Kentucky."

The Future Educators Association® assists middle and high school students in exploring careers in education. The association is unique in its ability to offer students unparalleled, age-appropriate professional development opportunities, including an annual conference and access to a state-of-the-art FEA social networking Web site. Through hands-on career exploration opportunities, FEA allows members to assume leadership roles and develop professional skill sets that will serve them throughout their careers. The association also connects students with chances to earn scholarship grants through its sponsoring organization, PDK International.

In 2002, the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution 188, which requested that the Kentucky Department of Education set aside teacher recruitment funds to assist school districts in organizing FEA Clubs.

Kentucky now holds the distinction of having the most chartered FEA chapters in the nation, with nearly 200 chapters statewide.

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